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SUMMARY: AS A RESULT OF ICA (THEN USIS) SPONSORED DEFENSE SEMINARS IN THE UK AND THE FRG, A USNATO POLITICAL OFFICER MADE CONTACTS WHICH LED TO INVITATIONS FOR HIM TO SPEAK TWICE IN THE UK LAST WEEK BEFORE MEMBERS OF THE PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC STUDIES AND THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY DEFENSE COMMITTEE WITH IAN GILMOUR, TORY SHADOW DEFENSE MINISTER, PRESIDING. END SUMMARY

1. THE TWO LONDON SESSIONS, HELD APRIL 18 AND 19, GREW OUT OF AN ICA LONDON-SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON U.S. ARMS CONTROL POLICY LAST NOVEMBER AT HARROWGATE AND A FEBRUARY SEMINAR ON MODERN WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY AT HAMBURG'S FAMOUS HAUS RISSEN, WHICH WAS SPONSORED BY ICA HAMBURG. POLITICAL OFFICER JACK MENDELSON WAS THE USNATO SPEAKER ON SALT, MBFR AND RELATED NUCLEAR ISSUES SUPPLIED BY THIS POST TO BOTH THESE EARLIER SESSIONS. THE CONTACTS HE MADE ON THESE OCCASIONS WERE WITH A STAFF ASSISTANT TO THE TORY
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DEFENSE COMMITTEE AND WITH IISS DEPUTY DIRECTOR JONATHAN ALFORD, BOTH OF WHOM INVITED MR. MENDELSON TO COME TO LONDON AS SOON AS A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE COULD BE FOUND. COORDINATING EARLY WITH ICA LONDON, ICA USNATO HELPED ARRANGE MR. MENDELSON'S TRIP AND FUNDED IT.

2. ON APRIL 18 MR. MENDELSON SPOKE ON SALT FOR ABOUT

ONE HOUR TO 20 PEOPLE AT THE WEEKLY IISS RESEARCH ASSOCIATES MEETING. THE SESSION WAS CHAIRED BY IISS DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER BERTRAM. FOLLOWING THE SESSION SEVERAL OF THE IISS MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE CURRENT EDITOR OF THE "STRATEGIC SURVEY" LUNCHEDED WITH MR. MENDELSON WHERE THE DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED.

3. ON APRIL 19 MR. MENDELSON MET WITH ABOUT 20 MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY'S DEFENSE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SALT, STRATEGIC AND GENERAL NUCLEAR ISSUES. IAN GILMOUR, SHADOW DEFENSE MINISTER, CHAIRED THE MEETING WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY JULIAN CRITCHLEY AND SEVERAL OTHER PROMINENT TORY MP'S.

4. IN BOTH SESSIONS, MR. MENDELSON SPOKE ON A PERSONAL, INFORMAL BASIS WHICH MADE FOR LIVELY AND CHALLENGING SESSIONS. Q&A SESSIONS COVERED SUBJECTS RANGING FROM SALT AND OTHER STRATEGIC ISSUES TO NATO AND GENERAL DEFENSE QUESTIONS.

5. MENDELSON REPORTED ON RETURNING TO BRUSSELS THAT BOTH THE ACADEMICS AND POLITICIANS EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST IN "ADDITIONAL AND FREQUENT CONTACT WITH THE LONDON EMBASSY, NATO AND OTHER OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS WHO CAN DISCUSS DEFENSE ISSUES WITH THEM EITHER FROM AN ADMINISTRATION, PERSONAL OR NATO ORIENTED POINT

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OF VIEW."

COMMENT: WE SEE THIS TWIN FOLLOW UP APPEARANCE IN LONDON BY A QUALIFIED OFFICIAL AMERICAN EXPERT ON ARMS CONTROL MATTERS AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE VERY KIND OF CROSS FERTILIZATION, OR MULTIPLIER EFFECT, THAT WELL-CONCEIVED ICA SEMINAR PROGRAMS LIKE THOSE OF ICA LONDON AND ICA HAMBURG CAN LEAD TO. CLAUSSEN

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